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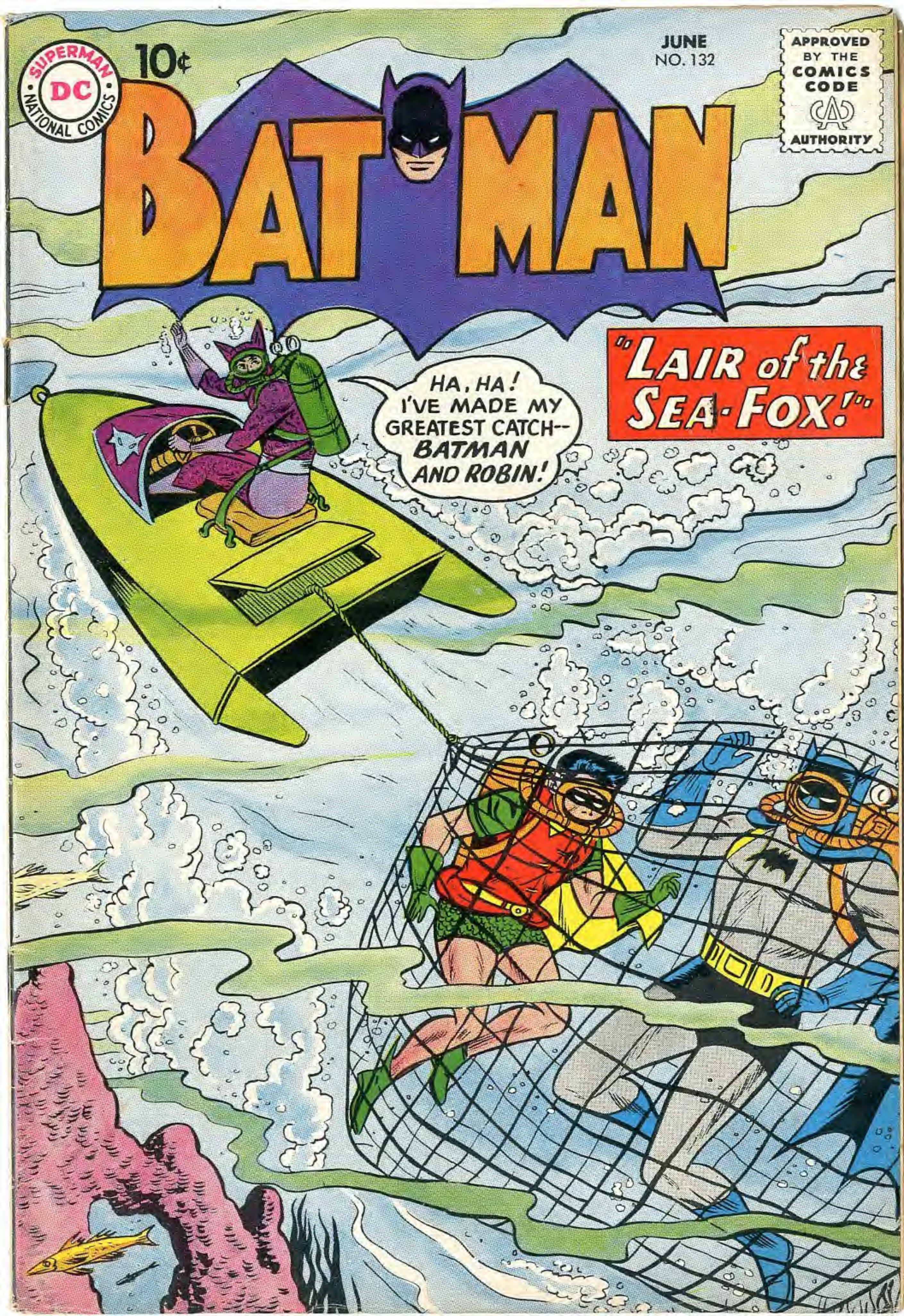
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BATMAN

HA, HA!
I'VE MADE MY
GREATEST CATCH--
BATMAN
AND **ROBIN!**

**"LAIR of the
SEA-FOX!"**



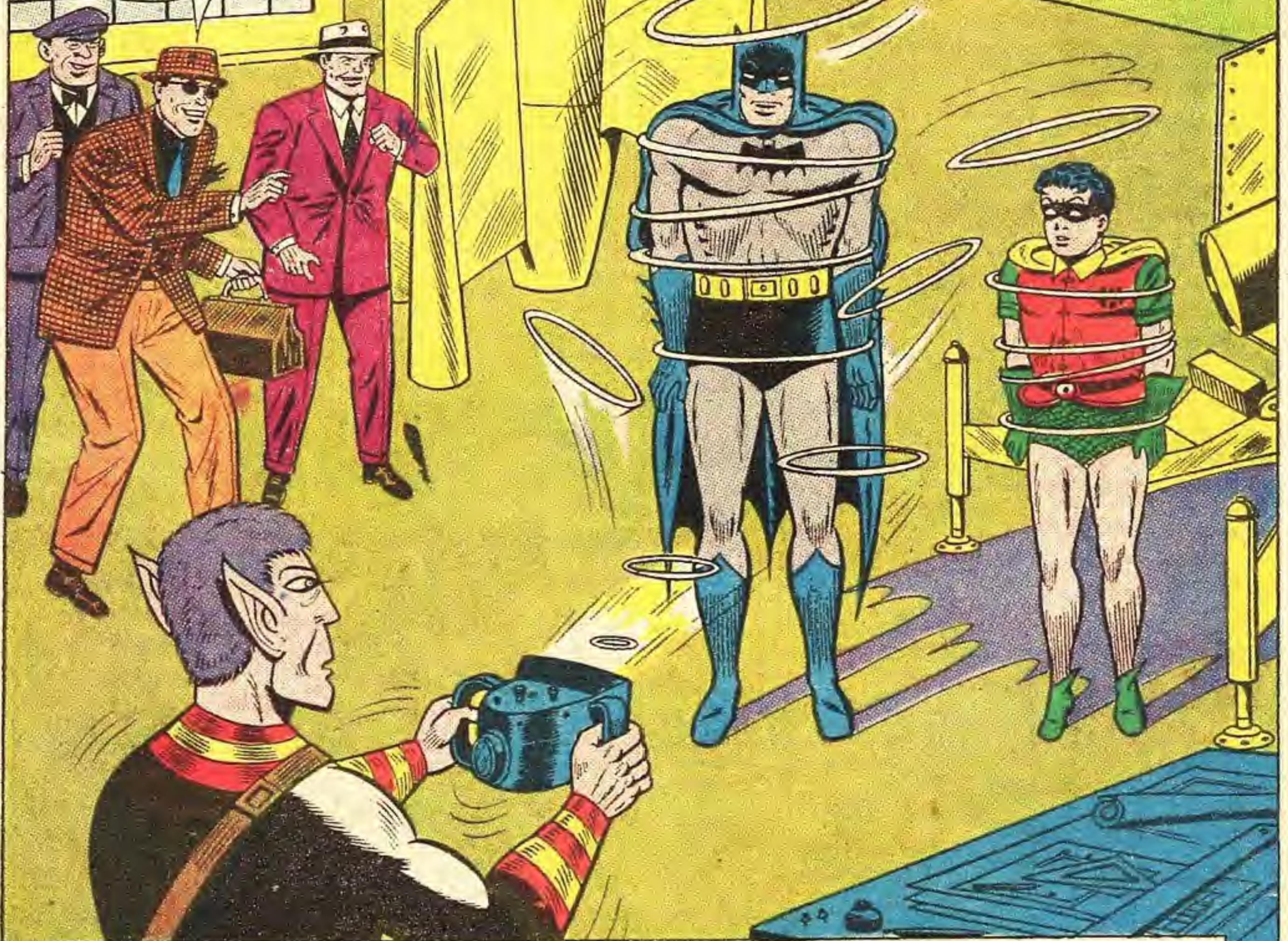
BATMAN

With
ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER

HOW DID HE COME HERE? WHAT WAS HIS MISSION ON OUR PLANET? HE HIMSELF WAS NOT CERTAIN -- AND YET, TO OVERCOME HIM, BATMAN AND ROBIN FIRST HAD TO RESTORE THE MEMORY OF...

the MARTIAN from GOTHAM CITY

"HA, HA! OUR MARTIAN PAL HAS BATMAN AND ROBIN HELPLESS WITH HIS HOOP-THROWING GADGET!"



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ONE NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO GOTHAM CITY FROM A LECTURE TOUR OF POLICE ACADEMIES IN OTHER CITIES...

HELP! SOMETHING IN THE WOODS!... A STRANGE CREATURE OF SOME KIND!

WHAT--? WE'D BETTER GO SEE WHAT FRIGHTENED THAT WOMAN, ROBIN!



AND SURE ENOUGH, UPON SEARCHING THE AREA...

HOLY SMOKE! THAT MAN... HE LOOKS LIKE AN ALIEN-- FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

WHO-- WHO ARE YOU?



I AM KARIK-- FROM THE PLANET MARS! I AM HERE ON A MISSION-- AND YOU SHALL NOT STOP ME! MARS IS AT WAR WITH EARTH... ALL EARTHMEN ARE MY ENEMIES!

HE'S DRAWING SOME KIND OF WEAPON! GET BACK!



AS A SEARING BOLT OF ELECTRICITY CRACKLES OVER THE RUNNING FIGURES...

BUT HE HIT THAT DESERTED FOREST RANGER WATCHTOWER! IT'S TOPPLING TOWARD US-- AND THERE'S NO TIME TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

MISSED US!





BUT SOME MINUTES LATER, WHEN THEY RELATE THE INCIDENT TO POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON...

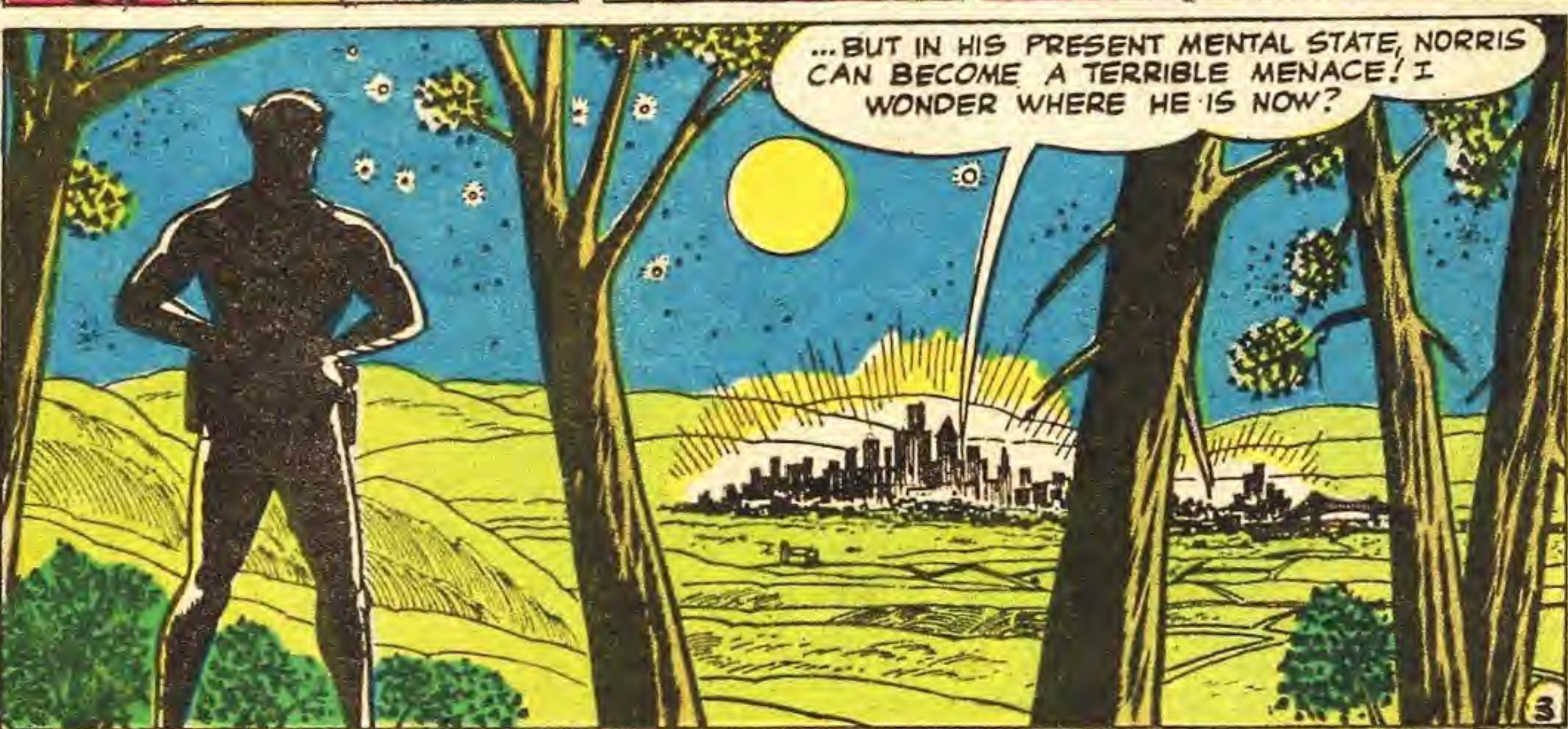
TOO BAD YOU WERE OUT OF TOWN, BATMAN, OR YOU'D HAVE HEARD ABOUT IT! THAT "MARTIAN" IS CLIVE NORRIS, AN ACTOR WHO WAS WORKING IN A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE! HE'S WEARING A SPECIAL PLASTIC MAKEUP THAT CAN ONLY BE REMOVED WITH A SOLVENT!

NORRIS FELL FROM A PROP SPACE SHIP ON THE STUDIO LOT--AND HIT HIS HEAD! THE INJURY AFFECTED HIS MIND--SO THAT HE NOW BELIEVES HE'S A REAL MARTIAN!

I SEE... BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT ELECTRIC-PISTOL HE FIRED AT US?

THAT, AND OTHER GADGETS HE'S CARRYING, WERE DEVELOPED BY THE MOVIE STUDIO'S SPECIAL EFFECTS DEPARTMENT! HERE-- THE STORY IS IN TODAY'S PAPER!

POOR NORRIS-- HE DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE HE'S ACTING HIS PART IN THE MOVIE SCRIPT...



THERE--I SEE IT... *MARS!* OH, HOW I LONG TO BE BACK ON MY 'NATIVE WORLD--TO TRAMP ITS RED SANDS--TO DRINK THE COOL WATERS OF ITS CANALS...



BUT NO--I MUST THINK ONLY OF MY MISSION NOW! MY MISSION?... SOMEHOW, I HAVE FORGOTTEN IT! MY HEAD--IT ACHES... I--I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT IT IS I MUST DO ON THIS ALIEN EARTH! I ONLY KNOW I MUST GO ON...GO ON...



THUS, SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS **BATMAN AND ROBIN** BEGIN THEIR SEARCH FOR THE DERANGED ACTOR...

CALLING BATMAN AND ROBIN! THREE MEN SEEN LOITERING BEFORE GOTHAM ROCKET RESEARCH BUILDING!



THE POLICE SENT US THE ALARM BECAUSE THEY KNOW WE'RE CRUISING NEAR THE BUILDING!

SOON, INSIDE THE RESEARCH PLANT...

BANDITS-- STEALING THE COMPANY FUNDS!

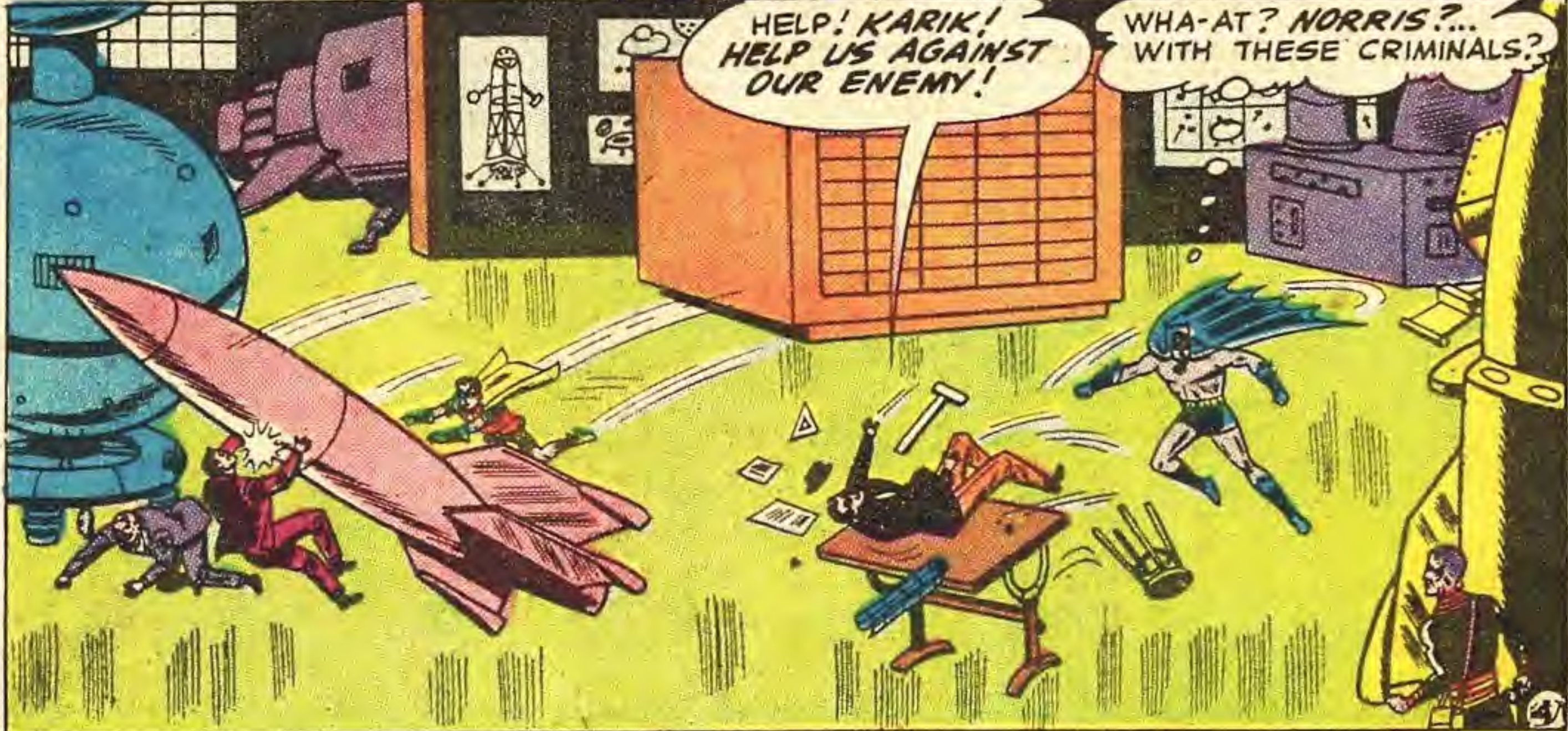


ULP! **BATMAN AND ROBIN!**



HELP! **KARIK!** HELP US AGAINST OUR ENEMY!

WHA-AT? **NORRIS?**... WITH THESE CRIMINALS?



FROM HIS PACK, THE "MARTIAN" WITHDRAWS...

ANOTHER GADGET INVENTED BY THE STUDIO SPECIAL EFFECTS DEPARTMENT! THIS ONE IS SHOOTING OUT PLASTIC HOOPS THAT ARE PINIONING US!



NICE WORK, KARIK! THAT WILL HOLD THEM LONG ENOUGH FOR US TO MAKE OUR GETAWAY...
"HA, HA!"



BY THE TIME BATMAN AND ROBIN MANAGE TO WRIGGLE FREE...

THEY'RE JUST DRIVING AWAY... THEY'VE GOT A GOOD HEAD START ON US!

YES--BUT THIS LARGE INK BOTTLE MAY HELP US CATCH UP TO THEM...



THE BANDITS WILL THINK I MISSED... BUT I WANTED THE BOTTLE TO SMASH THERE-- SO THE FRONT TIRES WILL RIDE THROUGH THE INK, AND LEAVE A TRAIL OF TREAD MARKS FOR US TO FOLLOW!

WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS--HOW DID NORRIS GET MIXED UP WITH THAT BUNCH?



THE ANSWER TO THAT MYSTERY TOOK PLACE HOURS BEFORE--WHEN NORRIS HAD FIRST FLED FROM BATMAN AND ROBIN...

WANDERING ON, HE WAS NOTICED BY THREE CRIMINALS IN THEIR HIDEOUT--A DESERTED AIRCRAFT PLANT...

LOOK!... IT'S THAT ACTOR WE JUST READ ABOUT!

HMM... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! ACCORDING TO THE PAPERS, THE NAMES OF OTHER "MARTIANS" IN THE MOVIE SCRIPT WERE ZABAR, BEGA, AND XAAL...

A MOMENT LATER...

KARIK! AT LAST--WE HAVE FOUND YOU! WE ARE ZABAR, BEGA AND XAAL--DISGUISED AS EARTHMEN! I AM ZABAR!

ZABAR?... BEGA?... XAAL? YES--I REMEMBER THOSE NAMES...



AFTER LEADING THE HAPLESS ACTOR INSIDE...

OUR SPACE SHIP IS HIDDEN NEARBY-- BUT WE CANNOT RETURN TO MARS UNTIL WE STEAL SOME SECRET PLANS FROM EARTH! YOUR MISSION IS TO HELP US FIGHT EARTHLINGS WHO TRY TO INTERFERE!

SO-- THAT IS MY MISSION! I HAD FORGOTTEN IT-- I HAVE BEEN SO CONFUSED LATELY...

SO IT CAME ABOUT THAT THE BEWILDERED NORRIS WAS TRICKED INTO HELPING CUNNING CRIMINALS...



AND NOW, WHEN THE BANDITS AND THEIR DUPE RETURN TO THE HIDEOUT...

ZABAR, MY HEAD-- IT ACHES SO...

ER... THAT'S BECAUSE OF EARTH'S STRANGE ATMOSPHERE! YOU NEED REST... GO INTO THE NEXT ROOM AND SLEEP!



AS NORRIS MEEKLY OBEYS...

LOGAN, YOU'RE A GREAT ACTOR! YOU'VE GOT "KARIK" BELIEVING YOU'RE HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER FROM MARS!

SURE... WITH HIM AROUND TO KAYO LAWYERS, WE'LL DO OKAY!

NOT IF WE CAN HELP IT!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! THEY TRAILED US HERE!



SO WHAT?... I'M READY FOR THEM! WHEN I THROW THIS SWITCH, IT'LL CUT OFF THAT ELECTROMAGNET'S POWER-- AND DROP THAT SCRAP METAL ON 'EM!

BUT JUST THEN...

WAIT!... I HEARD EVERYTHING! YOU ARE NOT MARTIANS! YOU ARE EARTHLINGS -- MY ENEMIES!

HUH?





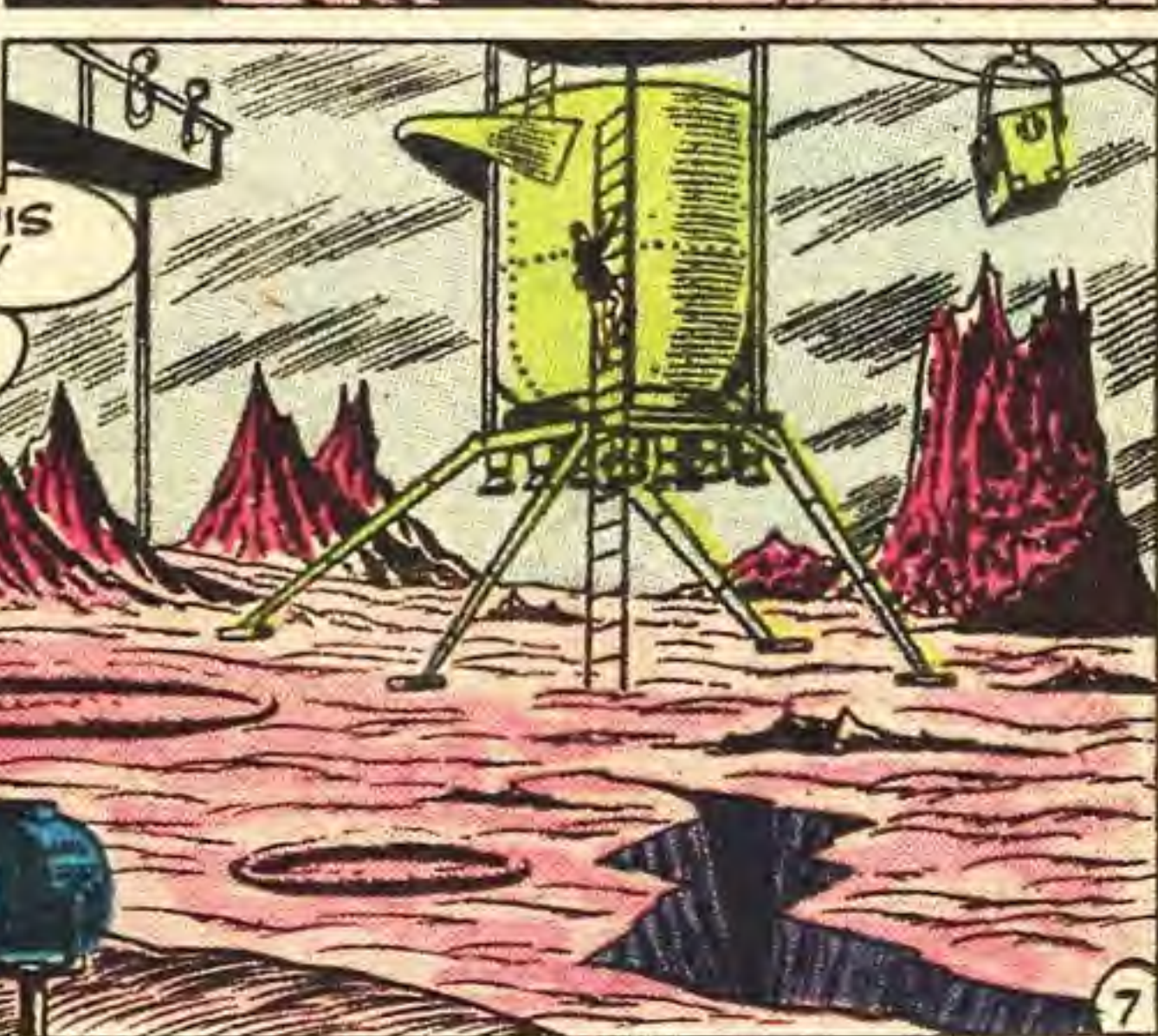
BY THE TIME THE GANG IS SUBDUED...



AT THAT MOMENT...



MEANWHILE, DRIVEN BY INSTINCT, THE DAZED, DERANGED ACTOR STUMBLES ALONG, UNTIL...



AS ROBIN SCALES THE PROP SPACE SHIP'S LADDER, THE "MARTIAN" LEAPS TO THE ATTACK...

SO, EARTHLING--YOU HAVE FOLLOWED ME BACK TO MY WORLD! YOU AND ALL EARTHLINGS PLAN TO INVAD E MARS-- BUT I SHALL STOP YOU!



WITH A MADMAN'S STRENGTH, THE ACTOR FORCES THE BRAVE BOY WONDER BACK--BACK...

DEATH--
DEATH TO
THE ENEMIES
OF MARS!



BUT IN THAT SAME INSTANT... AS THE BAT-ROPE CARRIES A CAPED FIGURE FORWARD...

NORRIS--
LOOK!
A CAT!

YIII! GET
IT AWAY
FROM ME!
YA-A-A...



AND, AFTERWARD, BATMAN EXPLAINS TO ROBIN...

YOU MEAN, WHILE I WAS FIGHTING HIM, YOU WENT FOR THE STUDIO CAT?

YES! ACCORDING TO THE STUDIO EXECUTIVES, NORRIS HAS ONE PHOBIA... HE'S AFRAID OF CATS! I HOPED THAT SEEING ONE MIGHT JOLT HIS MEMORY BACK...



WITHIN MOMENTS, BATMAN'S HOPE IS REALIZED...

EH--? W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, BATMAN? WHAT'S HAPPENED?

WELL, ROBIN-- HE'S BACK TO NORMAL AGAIN! THE "MARTIAN INVASION" IS OVER!

